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MEMORANDUM

TO: Daniel Amstutz
Senior Transportation Planner

FROM: Marie A. Krepelka
Board Administrator

DATE: May 21, 2021

RE: Swan Place Parking

The Select Board at the meeting of May 10 referred the attached highlighted portion to the Parking Advisory Committee.

Thank you.

MAK:lc

----- Forwarded message ----- From: Jessica R <jessica.roberts76@gmail.com>
Date: Sun, Apr 18, 2021, 10:00 PM Subject: Swan Place Parking To:
<amhar@town.arlington.ma.us>

Hello, I was told to email you regarding communication with the board about parking at my residence at 18 Swan Place and about suggestions for parking on Swan Place in general. I don't know if my specific request will be granted, but I am hoping to receive one more parking pass at 18 Swan Place. Two, the maximum have already been issued, and I am requesting a third. Five people live in this home, four with cars, one who can afford the \$365 annual plus \$50 monthly fees in the municipal lot, and one who cannot afford it. I request this because 18 Swan is at a disadvantage; it is the only residence on Swan Place that does not have a driveway on either side of a two family home.

I would also like to address some general parking concerns based on my observations from being a resident for three years. I'm aware that a study was conducted that brought specific parking decisions about, yet this study was done eight years ago. What I've observed in the last few years is that at night there are at least four or five spots open on the street. Perhaps this is due to some residents parking in their driveways or in the six car lot at the end of the street. Yet, in the daytime the area can be congested, especially on weekends, this mostly due to Kickstand Café guests and people going to the bikeway. The Kickstand Cafe has eleven spots in its lot now, and there is ample metered parking all along Mass Ave. As a resident with a permit it can be difficult to park during the day because this tiny street becomes so congested. I'm the person in our home who scouts out new roommates, and because it is a great location I'd like to see this street become more hospitable to residents. Why not make it resident parking only and reassess the overnight parking availability? I definitely see spots available on a regular basis. I think it is unfair to make a resident pay about \$1,000 a year in total, to include \$50 per month for day parking, at a municipal lot while the public is allowed to clutter up the street during the day. Maybe overnight spots are available because some residents are not requesting passes since they have driveways, and maybe some who do have passes choose to park in their driveways. In any event, my hope is that some of the issues on this street can be revisited in a way that reflects the current situation and that makes residents the first priority. Thank You for your Time

Jessica S.